



C. Phillip Olivas

August 14, 1952 - October 26, 2024

We bid farewell to Charles Phillip Olivas (Las Vegas, Nevada), whose journey of life gracefully concluded on October 26, 2024 at the age of 72.

Phil was a wonderful man. He lived a full and adventurous life with many incredible memories with many of the people he loved.

Phillip was born in El Paso, Texas on August 14, 1952. Phillip was the second son of Sabino Olivas, III, of Santa Fe, NM, and Christine Childers Olivas, of Phoenix, Mississippi He was raised in Albuquerque, NM.

He attended Heights Catholic School (Fatima Parish), then graduated from Our Lady of Assumption. He attended the prestigious Phillips Exeter Academy in N.H. and U.N.M.

Phillip was the consummate salesman, having worked in sales in some form or fashion all of his life - and loved doing so. He worked for many years in automobile sales and later became an investment broker and financial planner. Phillip lived and loved sales! He was known for quickly becoming the best at whichever company for which he was employed!! He retired in LV after much time of volunteering for the Salvation Army teaching their residents the life skills they needed in order to succeed after periods of homelessness. Phil then travelled visiting his 'bucket list' locations and began to spend part of each year in Mexico.

Phil was father to Omar and Ebony Olivas, and a grandfather to many and great grandfather to boot. Phillip was second oldest brother in a family with total of ten children. This larger tribe was created by remarriage of his dad 'Olie' Olivas to Clara Arehart Olivas, an incredible mom still with us today at 90!

Phillip was pre-deceased in 2022 by both his older brother Michael Olivas (wife Augustina Reyes) and sister Margaret Anderson. Brother-in-law Carl Anderson passed in 2020. He is survived by his 7 siblings: Richard and wife Marian Olivas, Sean Olivas, Kathleen and husband Greg Bouloy, Rose Hammer, Alex Olivas, Lisa and husband Tim Etherington, and Tim Arehart.

Phillip touched countless lives with warmth and kindness, leaving behind cherished memories that will forever echo in hearts.

One of Phillip's proudest accomplishments was having maintained sobriety since 1990. He attended AA meetings wherever he lived or traveled. He cherished his AA friends and helped them whenever he could. Towards the end, they came to his aid.

Though Phillip may journey beyond the horizon of our sight, his essence remains woven into the very fabric of our being — a beacon of hope in the night.

Memorial Service being held this Saturday, November 2, 2024 at
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
8901 Del Webb Blvd
Las Vegas, NV 89134

Please arrive and park by 5:45 for 6:00 p.m. start time.

* Feel free to have a quick memory to share *

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 6:00 PM (PT)

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Las Vegas, NV 89134

Tribute Wall

KO

“ Rest in peace my old friend - I am sorry I dodged not know of your passing. I will miss you. I always enjoyed our dinners, and conversations. My deepest sympathy to all your family.

kevin OConnor - September 10, 2025 at 02:46 PM

PD

“ AA does not receive any outside contributions as we are self supporting and do not accept outside contributions.

Paul Doherty - December 31, 2024 at 04:47 PM

JA

“ I had the pleasure and honor of knowing Phil as my neighbor for several recent years. He was a special friend, provided "movie nights" in his home for his neighbors and was always eager to help others. He will be terribly missed.

J Alan - November 01, 2024 at 01:15 PM

JB

“ Philip to me was and always will be my loving uncle, a kind, wise, loving man who leaves a family that loves and adores him and will miss him greatly.

Jacob bouloy - November 01, 2024 at 12:48 AM

SD

“ Phillip and the Olivas family grew up in our neighborhood. We all had a friend from the other family that we hung-out with at one time or another. I hung out with Kathleen and Sean. My older sister Judy and Phillip were sweethearts during their middle school years. Since then, Phillip always kept in touch with the family and often visited my parents when he was in town. He even made a special lunch for all of us, including Judy, when he came to visit one time. He visited us for several years. It could have been so easy to forget us but he didn't. We all appreciated his visits so much. So sorry to hear about his passing! - Steve DeSaulniers

Steve DeSaulniers - October 31, 2024 at 01:56 PM

YM

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. I knew Phillip from my older sister Judy who was in the same age group. As with many Catholic families of the 60's, families grew up together going to the same Catholic schools and Church. The Olivas family and the DeSaulniers were neighbors and friends. Phillip was a kind man with such an incredible light about him. I know he will be missed dearly!

Yvonne DeSaulniers Milord - October 31, 2024 at 08:56 AM

MB

“ Morgan Sheridan Neé Mary Bagi lit a candle in memory of C. Phillip Olivas



Morgan Sheridan neé Mary Bagi - October 30, 2024 at 02:22 PM

MB

“ I knew Phillip at Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic School where he was a couple of years ahead of my class. He was well liked, kind, and an exceptional student. My family members have shared friendships with him and his siblings intermittently since the 1960s. It is with sad hearts that once again we see them grieve the loss of a beloved brother and family member and extend our sincere condolences.

Morgan Sheridan neé Mary Bagi - October 30, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ Beautiful obituary! Amazing life 🌱❤️✝️ May family & friends be comforted with the peace that exceeds all expectations & forever treasure the spirit bound memories of this serving, loving, giving man!

Cj Randolph - October 30, 2024 at 01:59 PM

JM

“ Joy M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of C. Phillip Olivas.

Joy M. - October 30, 2024 at 01:49 PM

JM

“ Phil was a solid AA guy, the kind of person who quietly made a difference. He helped countless people, often without anyone ever knowing—just the way he preferred it. Phil had a knack for being there when someone needed a hand, a word, or a little encouragement.

He was always on a mission to find the perfect patty melt in Las Vegas, a pursuit that reflected his love for the simple joys in life. And no matter how far life took him, he never lost his pride in his Albuquerque roots.

Phil cherished his time in the rooms of AA, and just as much, he enjoyed those post-meeting meals where laughter, friendship, and recovery all came together. His presence made every meeting, and every meal afterward, feel a little more special.

Phil will be deeply missed, but his quiet acts of kindness and the joy he found in life will continue to inspire all of us. Rest easy, my friend—you made a difference.

John M - October 30, 2024 at 01:41 PM

JR

“ *Celebration of Life for C. Phillip Olivas: Saturday November 2, 2024. Service starting at 6 PM - please arrive early. Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, 8901 Del Webb Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89134*

James Riva - October 29, 2024 at 11:08 AM